

To: Melissa Miller-Henson and  
MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force  
c/o The California Resources Agency  
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The Coastside Fishing Club would like to express our support for the suggestions sent forward by the California Fisheries Coalition (CFC) and their board of trustees regarding the draft documents submitted for review, specifically the Master Plan Table of Contents. In addition to our support for those suggestions, we feel it is important for the Blue Ribbon Task force to focus the MPA designation and planning on specific fishing gear types associated with habitat destruction and excessively high rates of by-catch. We would like to see this analysis of specific habitat protection by fishing gear type to be expressed directly in the Draft Master Plan.

The Coastside Fishing Club, representing approximately 7,000 recreational fishers in Central California, is one of the largest stakeholder and user groups within the region. We anticipate having a significant level of involvement within the Central Coast MLPA project implementation and look forward to being actively engaged by the Task Force and Science Committee.

Coastside favors alternatives that attempt to alter the major drivers of change while preserving recreational fishing and access opportunities for all Californian's. On behalf of our 7,000 members we thank you for the opportunity to be involved in the MLPA process.

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